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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MARR, UR, UN, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET UNTSO OBSERVERS

1. DURING DEPT OF ARMY STAFF VISIT TO UNTSO THIS JUNE, IT  
WAS LEARNED THAT ALL 25 REMAINING SOVIET OBSERVERS FROM  
ORIGINAL CONTINGENT OF 36 ASSIGNED IN NOVEMBER 73 HAVE  
REQUESTED A THIRD YEAR EXTENSION. UNTSO POLICY NORMALLY  
PERMITS THIRD YEAR EXTENSIONS ONLY FOR PERSONNEL IN STAFF  
POSITIONS. ONLY THREE OF THE 25 SOVIET OFFICERS ARE  
SERVING ON UNTSO STAFFS IN DAMASCUS AND CAIRO.

2. FYI. MG LILJESTRAND REPORTEDLY ACQUIESCED IN THE  
REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED NY APPROVE A POLICY EXCEPTION AFTER  
VISITING OFFICERS FROM MOSCOW INDICATED THE  
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USSR WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY FINDING QUALIFIED REPLACEMENTS.

END FYI. SHOULD UNHQ APPROVE THE EXTENSIONS, SOVIET  
OFFICERS WOULD BE ASSURED SENIORITY ON VIRTUALLY ALL UNTSO  
PATROL AND INSPECTION TEAMS IN EGYPT AND UNTSO ACTIVITIES  
IN SYRIA.

3. YOU SHOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS  
AND REMIND THEM THAT US AND SOVIET AUGMENTATIONS TO UNTSO  
IN NOVEMBER 1973 WERE MADE UNDER THE STIPULATION THAT

THESE OFFICERS WERE TO SERVE UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS  
APPLYING TO OBSERVERS FROM OTHER NATIONS AND THAT NO  
SPECIAL PRIVILEGES WERE TO BE ACCORDED EITHER CONTINGENT.  
YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE US OBJECTS TO A BLANKET  
EXCEPTION OF UNTSO POLICY FOR THE SOVIET CONTINGENT.

4. FYI. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT UNTSO HAS RECOMMENDED  
TO NY THAT ALL NATIONAL CONTINGENTS BE REDUCED TO 25  
MINIMUM IN LINE WITH THE UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS BEING  
IMPLEMENTED BY FINLAND. END FYI. IF THIS SORT OF  
REDUCTION IS PROPOSED TO YOU BY SECRETARIAT, YOU MAY  
INFORM THEM THAT SUCH A REDUCTION IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE  
US IF THE EXISTING US/USSR PARITY IS MAINTAINED. KISSINGER

UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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